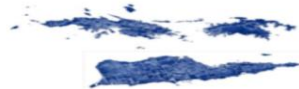


SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW PROJECT DISCUSSION HUD's 2018 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS



Building Stronger Communities



St. Croix
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July 16, 2018
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VIHFA Training Room
St. John Legislature Annex
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Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

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Executive Director

PURPOSE OF HEARING

In September 2015, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) approved the Territory’s Consolidated Plan for housing, homelessness, and community development for the period of program years 2015-2019. The Consolidated Plan document describes the priority housing and community development needs and long-term strategies for addressing the identified needs. Each year, the Territory is required to develop an Annual Action Plan which describes the activities to be undertaken during the current program year to implement the strategies identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The following HUD programs are covered by the Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, the Territory is required to seek public input from citizens and other stakeholders relative to the needs of the Territory with regards to housing, homelessness, and community development.

A first round of public hearings to present all the Community Development Block Grant proposals received was held in April. At the conclusion of the first round of hearings, the CDBG staff completed the evaluation of the proposals and made recommendations to the VIHFA’s Board of Directors relative to the projects that should be selected for funding. Tonight’s hearing will focus on those projects that have received favorable recommendations for funding. Upon the conclusion of this second round of hearings, the Authority’s staff will finalize the Action Plan that will be submitted to HUD.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

The Emergency Solutions Grant is a federal formula-allocation block grant. The ESG program provides grants to state and local governments for: (1) the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, for the payment of certain related shelter operating expenses such as maintenance, operating costs, rent, repairs, equipment, utilities, insurance and furnishings, and also for expenses related to the provision of essential services such as emergency health services and ground transportation for persons housed in shelters; (2) provision of street outreach services for unsheltered, chronically homeless persons; (3) homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services for qualified persons who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness; and (4) for qualified expenses associated with the administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The ESG funds are typically sub-granted to non-governmental entities (i.e., non-profit or faith-based organizations) which operate homeless programs within the Territory.

The Fiscal Year 2018 allocation for the Emergency Solutions Grant is \$148,903.00. The total amount of ESG funds that may be dedicated for street outreach and emergency shelter activities cannot exceed 60% of the fiscal year grant.

FUNDING PARAMETERS 2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

FY 2018 Grant Amount	\$148,903.00
Limit for Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter [combined]	\$89,341.80 (= \$148,903 x 60%)
Limit for Homeless Prevention	no cap or maximum
Limit for Rapid Re-Housing	no cap or maximum
Limit for HMIS	no cap or maximum

HOME PROGRAM (HOME)

The VIHFA administers the HOME program for the Participating Jurisdiction of the U.S. Virgin Islands. The main purpose of the HOME Program is to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for very- low- and low-income families through the provision of grants to states and local governments referred to as *participating jurisdictions* or "PJs". PJs have great flexibility in designing their local HOME programs - within the guidelines established by the HOME Final Rule - to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities. PJs may use HOME funds to help renters, new homebuyers or existing homeowners.

The primary use of HOME funds under VIHFA's HOME Program is for financial assistance to first-time homebuyers; the secondary use is for rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes. Since its inception in 1995, the HOME Program has assisted more than 550 families.

Each year, funds are awarded to the participating jurisdictions based on a formula devised by Congress. For FY 2018, the allocation for the Territory is \$919,767.00. Note: The HOME Program allocation from HUD is also bolstered by approximately \$100,000 in program income annually. Program income is derived when clients repay the loan portion of the assistance received from the HOME funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a HUD formula-allocation grant, which has as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Each funded project must meet at least one national objective as follows: prevention or elimination of slums and blight; address an urgent need; primary benefit to persons of low and moderate income. Benefit to low/mod¹ income persons is where either (1) at least 51% of the area residents are low-income or (2) the activity benefits a population general presumed to be low-income or (3) housing is created that will be restricted to occupancy by low-income households or (4) jobs are created/retained and at least 51% of the jobs will be held by or available to low/mod income residents.

The Territory's CDBG allocation for FY 2018 is \$1,984,382.00. The Territory is allowed to use up to 20% of the annual allocation for program administration costs. Further, no more than 15% of the grant allocation can be dedicated toward public service projects.

CDBG monies are typically sub-granted to other government agencies and non-profit organizations.

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¹ The definition of low/mod under the CDBG Program coincides with the definition of low-income under the HOME Program – i.e., a household/family having income \leq 80% of the area median income as per Section 8 limits.

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION & PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Solicitation of Project Proposals from interested groups, individuals, agencies, etc. Submittal Deadline <i>February 23, 2018</i>		
Evaluation of Applications & Preliminary Project Review by CDBG Program Staff		
<i>CDBG First Public Hearing St. Croix April 16, 2018</i>	<i>CDBG First Public Hearing St. John April 18, 2018</i>	<i>CDBG First Public Hearing St. Thomas April 19, 2018</i>
Recommendation of Projects for Funding		
VIHFA Governing Board Review & Approval		

<i>CDBG Second Public Hearing St. Croix July 16, 2018</i>	<i>CDBG Second Public Hearing St. John July 18, 2018</i>	<i>CDBG Second Public Hearing St. Thomas July 19, 2018</i>
Submission of 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2017 Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing & Urban Development <i>August 15, 2018</i>		

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED AND AWARDS BY ISLAND

<i>Location</i>	<i>2018 Proposals Received</i>		<i>2018 Proposals Selected for Award²</i>		<i>Ratio of proposals rec'd to awarded</i>
	<i># of proposals</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i># of awards</i>	<i>\$ Awarded</i>	
St. John	3	\$ 9,454,563.31	1	\$500,000.00	9/24
St. Thomas	21	\$2,205,365.78	8	\$293,752.80	
St. Croix	34	\$4,156,701.30	7	\$793,752.80	7/34
Totals	58	\$15,816,630.39	17	\$1,587,505.60	17/58

² Pursuant to Act 6238, CDBG funds must be awarded equally between the St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John island districts.

*FUNDING PARAMETERS 2018
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT*

Grant Amount	\$1,984,382.00
Cap for Administration and Planning @ 20%	<u>\$ 396,876.40</u>
Available for Projects	\$1,587,505.60 / 2
Amount Available for each District @ 50% as prescribed by local law	= \$793,752.80
Cost of St. Thomas/St. John 2018 Proposals	\$11,659,930.09
Ratio of Requested Funding to Available Funding	15.0 to 1
Cost of St. Croix 2018 Proposals	\$4,156,701.30
Ratio of Requested Funding to Available Funding	5.24 to 1
Cap for Public Service projects @ 15% of Total Grant Allocation.	\$297,657.30
Cost of Public Service Proposals Received	\$2,095,624.00
Ratio of Requested Funding to Available Funding	7.04 to 1

*2018
CDBG PROJECT
EVALUATION SHEET*

2018 CDBG PROJECT EVALUATION

Project: _____ *Number:* _____

Description: _____

Part I. Elimination Factors

- () The project must be disqualified if any of the following situations applies:
- () The application was not submitted by the deadline date and time
- () The project does not meet at least 1 of the following National Objectives of the Community Development Block Grant Program:
 - (a) Addresses an urgent need which has not been in existence for more than 18 months
 - (b) Elimination of slums and blight, as defined by local law; and
 - (c) Provides benefits primarily to low and moderate income persons, as defined by HUD
Note: By definition, a project cannot meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons if its primary beneficiaries are “tourists” or “the entire V.I. population”
- () The project includes one or more of the following ineligible activities:
 - (a) Buildings or portion thereof used for the general conduct of government; expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of the local government
 - (b) General maintenance of streets, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood facilities, senior centers, centers for the handicap, parking and similar facilities
 - (c) Funds for religious purposes or for property that is used for the conduct of religious services;
 - (d) Facilities or equipment that are used primarily for political purposes or to engage in any partisan political activities, such as candidate forums, voters transportation or voters registration
 - (e) Purchase of construction equipment, except through leasing, depreciation, or lease allowance
 - (f) Purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings, or other personal property not an integral structural fixture, except where such items are necessary for use in the administration of activities assisted with CDBG funds;
 - (g) New housing construction; payments for income maintenance, housing allowances, down payments and mortgage subsidies.
 - (h) Other prohibited activity as per HUD regulations: Citation: **24 CFR 570.**_____

- The proposed activity is not permitted under the sponsor organization's Articles of Incorporation or charter
- The implementing party is not a governmental entity, a non-profit corporation or a for-profit
- A previous CDBG project of the applicant was terminated due to lack of performance or other program non-compliance
- The implementing agency does not have site control in the form of a deed, a lease, or an executed Offer to Sell/Purchase/Lease
- Funds are being requested only for planning and administration or engineering or plans and specifications
- The project was not represented at the public hearing as per the Citizen Participation Plan

Part II - Need

Maximum Points: 40

Total: _____

A. *Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) 20 Points* _____
(1 objective = 10 points; 2 or more objectives = 20)

The proposed project meets the following objective(s) outlined in the Consolidated Plan:

*Con Plan Objective #1. Increase and preserve the stock of affordable housing units
Examples of projects meeting this objective include, but are not limited to, projects which entail acquisition, demolition, or preparation of sites for affordable housing; homebuyer direct financial and other assistance; and, rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing.*

*Con Plan Objective #2. Reduce and prevent homelessness
Examples of projects meeting this objective include, but are not limited to, projects which entail construction of, or improvements to, emergency shelters, transitional facilities, or permanent supportive housing; operations of emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, or permanent supportive housing; construction of other homeless facilities such as soup kitchens and outreach facilities; homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and other services, including but not limited to outreach ,counseling, medical and mental assistance and case management.*

*Con Plan Objective #3. Provide services and community support
Examples of projects meeting this objective include, but are not limited to, projects which provide services that assist low income households and neighborhoods; also projects that assist special needs populations – e.g., youth, the elderly, disabled persons, the mentally ill, victims of domestic violence, and victims of substance abuse.*

*Con Plan Objective #4. Support community and economic development
Examples of projects meeting this objective include, but are not limited to, projects which entail acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of facilities for the delivery of public services; renovation of public facilities to provide handicap accessibility or other improvements; infrastructure improvements, and projects that support economic opportunities for low-mod income persons.*

B. *Suitability/Relevance* 20 points _____

- Enough of the target population exists to justify the need for the project
- The proposed activity is appropriate for meeting the identified need
- There other no other organizations within close proximity providing similar services
- The proposed project is unique or otherwise distinctive from other existing projects serving the same target population
- At least 60% of the target population is expected to be of low to moderate income

Part III- Feasibility

Maximum Points: 60

Total: _____

A. *The Application* 5 points _____

- The applicant has submitted all of the required information

B. *The Applicant* 20 points _____

- The applicant has, or will have, the necessary staffing and management capability
- The applicant has the necessary experience for the program to be effective
- The applicant has previously received funds under CDBG. Their previous performance was satisfactory – i.e., the project was started and completed in a timely manner, reports and other information were submitted timely, the previous project met its intended objectives, and funds, facilities, and equipment were properly accounted for and maintained.
- The applicant has previously received grants from other funding sources. Their previous performance was satisfactory – i.e., the project was started and completed in a timely manner; reports and other information were submitted timely, the previous project met its intended objectives, and funds, facilities, and equipment were properly accounted for and maintained.

C. *The Site* 10 points _____

- There are no known environmental or situational factors that would negatively impact the project. Factor _____ (e.g. lead, asbestos, coastal zone, historic, relocation, other)
- The size of the property/amount of space in the facility is adequate
- The necessary furnishings and facilities to operate the program are in place
- The site is in close proximity to the persons it is intended to serve
- The site is, or can be readily, modified for handicap accessibility

D. *The Cost* 10 points _____

- The proposed budget is reasonable and realistic for the type of activity being proposed
- The cost items are necessary and appropriate
- The cost of the project is not excessive relative to the number of persons that will be served
- The applicant has exhausted all other sources of funding before applying to CDBG

E. *Viability* 5 points _____

Public Service The organization has demonstrated that it can operate a program even if CDBG funding is provided in an amount that is less than the funding request.

Construction The organization has demonstrated that it has secured or is capable of raising the resources necessary to sustain the facility after CDBG funding is no longer available.

F. *Project Readiness* 10 points _____

- The project is well-formulated
- The applicant has completed engineering, developed plans and specifications, and obtained building permits for the project. If, public service the applicant is appropriately licensed.
- The applicant has secured commitments for other funding to leverage with the CDBG grant and the non-CDBG funding is already in place
- The project is a continuation of a project previously funded by CDBG

FINAL SCORE: ____

***SYNOPSIS OF THE
PROJECTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING
2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT***

*PROJECTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2018
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT*



Public Service

Public service projects are projects which entail activities such as services for youth, the elderly, or the disabled; job training and employment services; substance abuse counseling and treatment; crime prevention; and fair housing counseling.

(a) St. Croix Public Service Projects

1 NAME OF PROJECT: My SISTAHS Keeper Mentorship After-school & Summer Prog.
PROJECT SPONSOR: My SISTAHS Keeper, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **My SISTAHS Keeper, Inc.** to implement a college and workforce readiness after-school and summer program for youth in the 7th – 12th grades.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: Low to moderate income youth enrolled in schools in the district of St. Croix.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$25,000.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$10,000.00**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. This program provides quality after-school care. (2) The sponsor maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

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2 NAME OF PROJECT: Frederiksted Boys and Girls of the VI After-school Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: Caribbean Center for Boys and Girls of the Virgin Islands, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by Caribbean Center for Boys and Girls of the Virgin Islands, Inc. to operate an after-school program at #33 Two Brothers, Frederiksted that provides homework assistance, financial management, computer skills and nutrition/physical activity for approximately 80 youths ages 6-18.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 80 Low/Mod Income Children

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$30,000.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$15,000.00**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low and moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing public service project that will address a well-documented need by providing a structured after-school program in close proximity to the town of Frederiksted and the outskirt neighborhoods of Smithfield, Two Brothers, Mars Hill, and Stony Ground.

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3 NAME OF PROJECT: Mon Bijou After-school Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc. for the operation of an after-school, summer enrichment, leatherwork, basic and graphic art designs, music production, music lessons, dance class, photography, culinary and agriculture for youths in the area of Mon Bijou and surrounding communities.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 75 at-risk youth, ages 5-17.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$100,000.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$30,000.00**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. This program provides quality after-school care such as homework assistance, computer access, and tutorial services to over 75 low income youth on St. Croix. (2) The sponsor consistently maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

Notes: _____

4 NAME OF PROJECT: Women with Focus After-school Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: Women with Focus, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by Women with Focus, Inc. to operate an after-school program that provides a safe and healthy environment for children to enhance their academic skills and learn about arts and crafts, steel pan, drug prevention and career awareness for children ages 7-15 at Lorraine Village Apartments, Frederiksted.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 65 low to moderate income youth, ages 6-18

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$60,000.00

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$15,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. This program provides quality after-school care and mentorship through physical activities and nutritional instruction. (2) The sponsor consistently maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

Notes: _____

5 NAME OF PROJECT: Nurturing Minds Summer Camp Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: Nurturing Minds Developmental Daycare

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by Nurturing Minds Developmental Center to conduct an 8 week inclusive summer camp for children with special needs - e.g., Autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, etc. at #89 Grove Place, Frederiksted, St. Croix.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: Children, ages 3-14, including children diagnoses of Autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome and their families.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$30,000.00

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$18,752.80

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) The proposed activity seeks to provide a summer program exclusively for disabled youth (a population that is not typically the beneficiary of a structured summer program).

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>>>End of St. Croix Public Service Projects<<<

(a) St. Thomas/ St. John Public Service Projects

6 NAME OF PROJECT: FRC Youth Counseling Program – St. Thomas/St. John
PROJECT SPONSOR: Family Resource Center, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **Family Resource Center, Inc.** to provide counseling services to youth ages 5-17, who display negative and acting-out behavior, that are identified at home, school or in the community. These empowered youth disclose crisis situations and gain resources for safety, justice, life coping skills and improved social interactions. The counseling will be conducted at FRC's Main Office at 2317 Commandant Gade on St. Thomas and the Myrah Keating Smith Health Center on St. John.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: Approximately 25 youth, ages of 5 – 17.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$43,000.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$20,000.00**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefit to persons of low and moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) The increasing number of youth that are referred for services reflects a rise in sexual assault and domestic violence issues or the increase in reporting current or past incidents. The proposed program will provide access to a child and youth social worker to provide counseling aimed at restoring the affected individuals to wellness. (2) The sponsor through a previous CDBG grant provided similar services to youth; the provision of funding under this grant would allow the sponsor to serve clients residing on St. Thomas and St. John respectively.

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7 NAME OF PROJECT: St. Andrews Seek & Serve After-school Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: St. Andrew's Seek & Serve Outreach, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **St. Andrew's Seek & Serve Outreach, Inc.** to operate an after-school program that provides tutorial services for students in grades K-6. Students will also receive assistance with school projects, personal hygiene and self-improvement tips and create arts items made from recycled materials, located at the Lockhart Elementary School. SAT classes will be offered on demand.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 65 youth, grades K-6

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$40,000.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$25,000.00**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefit to persons of low and moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. This program provides quality after-school care such as homework assistance, computer access and tutorial services to low income youths primarily from the Pearson Gardens, Harris Court and Sugar Estate communities. (2) The sponsor consistently maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

Notes: _____

8 NAME OF PROJECT: STSA Learn to Swim Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: St. Thomas Swimming Association, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by the **St. Thomas Swimming Association, Inc.** to offer 25 scholarships to youth to attend a learn how to swim program. The program will operate from eight (8) weeks and would teach basic swimming instructions to low to moderate income students at the St. Thomas Swimming Association's Aquatic Pool.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 25 youth

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$12,500.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$10,252.80**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefit to persons of low and moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. The program provides basic swimming instruction to low income youth.

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9 NAME OF PROJECT: Wesley Methodist After-school Program
PROJECT SPONSOR: Methodist Church St. Thomas/St. John Circuit, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by the **Wesley Methodist Church** to operate an after-school program to provide homework assistance and tutorials at the Wesley Methodist Church located at #147 Anna's Retreat.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: Approximately 70 youth, ages 5 – 18.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$45,000.00 **AMOUNT AWARDED: \$30,000.00**

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefit to persons of low and moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. This program provides quality after-school care such as homework assistance, computer access for research papers, and tutorial services to youth residing on the east end of the island. (2) The sponsor consistently maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

Notes: _____

10 NAME OF PROJECT: Pistarckle Theater Summer Production Camp
PROJECT SPONSOR: Pistarckle Theater, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **Pistarckle Theater, Inc.** to offer scholarships to low to moderate income youth ages 10 - 17 interesting in participating in a 6 weeks summer production camp.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 15 youth

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$25,200.00

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$19,500.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low and moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: (1) The program is an ongoing summer camp production with phenomenal success. The program will provide scholarships to low to moderate income youth interested in the performing arts and participate in next year's summer production.

Notes: _____

11 NAME OF PROJECT: Engineers for Tomorrow Outreach STEM Workshops
PROJECT SPONSOR: Engineers for Tomorrow Outreach, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **Engineers for Tomorrow Outreach, Inc.** to provide a science, technology, engineering and math enrichment program at two existing after-school programs. Students will participate in hand-on engineering projects and interact with participating engineers.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 50 youth

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$29,675.00

AMOUNT AWARDED \$20,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefit to persons of low and moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing public service project with an excellent track record. (2) This program proposes to provide materials and facilitators for workshops that will complement existing after-school programs for low-to-moderate income youth by providing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) enrichment through projects, activities and interaction with practicing engineers. (3) This proposal is unique and presents an otherwise creative approach to learning.

Notes: _____

>>>End of St. Thomas/St. John Public Service Projects<<



Other Projects – Construction, Rehabilitation, Acquisition

The primary focus of the CDBG Program is capital projects such as installation/ construction of community infrastructure improvements; construction of neighborhood facilities such as recreation centers, parks, playgrounds etc.; purchase and/or construction/ rehabilitation of facilities for persons with special needs; rehabilitation of qualified housing; and preservation of historic sites or structures.

St. Croix, Rehabilitation and Acquisition Projects

12 Mon Bijou HOA Land Acquisition

PROJECT SPONSOR: Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by the Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc. to purchase the #29 N, O, & P Mon Bijou to be used as a community playground.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: St. Croix Community

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$60,000.00

SEE NEXT PROJECT

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) This proposal would compliment an existing CDBG funded community center with an active after-school program. (2) The sponsor consistently maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

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13 NAME OF PROJECT: Mon Bijou HOA Community Playground
PROJECT SPONSOR: Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by the Mon Bijou Homeowners Association, Inc. to construct a community playground at #29NOP Mon Bijou, Christiansted.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: St. Croix Community

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$45,000.00

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$105,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) This proposal would compliment an existing CDBG funded community center with an active after-school program. (2) The sponsor consistently maintains good records in compliance with federal requirements and expends program funds in a timely manner.

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14 NAME OF PROJECT: Frederiksted Health Care Emergency Shelter Acquisition
PROJECT SPONSOR: Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by Frederiksted Health Care, Inc. to acquire #82A, B, & C Whim, Frederiksted (former Villa Morales Restaurant and Guest House) to be used as an emergency shelter.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: The chronically homeless individuals and small families needing permanent supportive housing and temporary homeless individuals and small families in need of emergency shelter/case management.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$200,000.00

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$600,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): The proposed project seeks to acquire a former guest house and restaurant complex located at Frederiksted, St. Croix to be used for the provision of homeless services to include emergency shelter, transitional, and permanent supportive housing as well as auxiliary clinical services all at one centralized location. 2) There exists a great need for the proposed homeless housing on St. Croix especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria which destroyed the Bethlehem House Shelter for the Homeless. **3) The applicant submitted an amount less than the selling price in hopes of being awarded CDBG funds in consecutive years; however, the CDBG Program is unable to allow the acquisition of the property in phases. For this reason, this proposal is being funded in an amount in excess of the requested amount in order to effectuate the acquisition of the entire development.** 4) An inspection of the facility has proven that the facility is in very good condition and would be able to be operational and placed in service in record time.

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>>>End of St. Croix Construction Projects<<

St. Thomas/St. John, Rehabilitation and Acquisition Projects

15 NAME OF PROJECT: **St. John Rescue Headquarters & Operational Base Construction Phase III**

PROJECT SPONSOR: St. John Rescue, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by the **St. John Rescue, Inc.** to construct their new headquarters and operational base, located at #9-1a Glucksberg, St. John.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: Entire population of St. John

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$509,105.31

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$500,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) Ongoing project. 2) Prior year funds were used to acquire property and finance the architectural design process. The design of a single story structure about 1,280 sq. ft. is completed. 3) Bids for construction services were received on April 30, 2018, all bids exceeded the available funds in the grant.

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16 NAME OF PROJECT: FRC Transitional Housing Rehabilitation, Phase II

PROJECT SPONSOR: Family Resource Center, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **Family Resource Center, Inc.** to rehabilitate a transitional housing facility located at #18 Commandant Gade. The facility sustained damages during hurricanes Irma and Maria.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 2 families

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CDBG: \$96,675.00

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$96,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding for the following reason(s): (1) The project sustained damages from both Hurricane Irma and Maria; damages were attributed to the renovation work that was in progress (80% completed) at the time of the hurricane

Notes: _____

17 NAME OF PROJECT: FRC Shelter Rehabilitation Project, Phase II
PROJECT SPONSOR: Family Resource Center, Inc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Funds are being requested by **Family Resource Center, Inc.** to rehabilitate a facility used to house victims homeless as a result of crimes that was damaged due to hurricanes Irma and Maria.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PROJECT WILL SERVE: 6 families

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$73,685.38

AMOUNT AWARDED: \$73,000.00

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE: Provision of employment or other benefits primarily to persons of low to moderate income.

JUSTIFICATION: This project is recommended for funding at an alternate site for the following reason(s): (1) The facility sustained damages as a result of both Hurricane Irma and Maria; structural damages were sustained to the roof and to the renovation work that was in progress (80% completed) at the time of the hurricane. (2) The Family Resource Center received insurance settlement to repair the roof and perform other repairs; however, due to the magnitude of the damages and the present condition of the facility being exposed to the elements, this amount is insufficient to replace the entire roof as well as other hurricane repairs.

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>>>End of St. Thomas/St. John Construction Projects<<<

Territory-wide

Program Administration

Program administration entails activities related to the overall planning and execution of CDBG-assisted community development projects. Eligible program administration costs include, but are not limited to costs associated with staffing, general management oversight and coordination, and applicable indirect cost. In accordance with federal CDBG program regulations, up to 20% of the annual grant may be used for program administration costs.

CDBG Program Administration: \$396,876.40

Funds will be used by VIHFA to defray the costs of administering the CDBG Program during the program year.



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